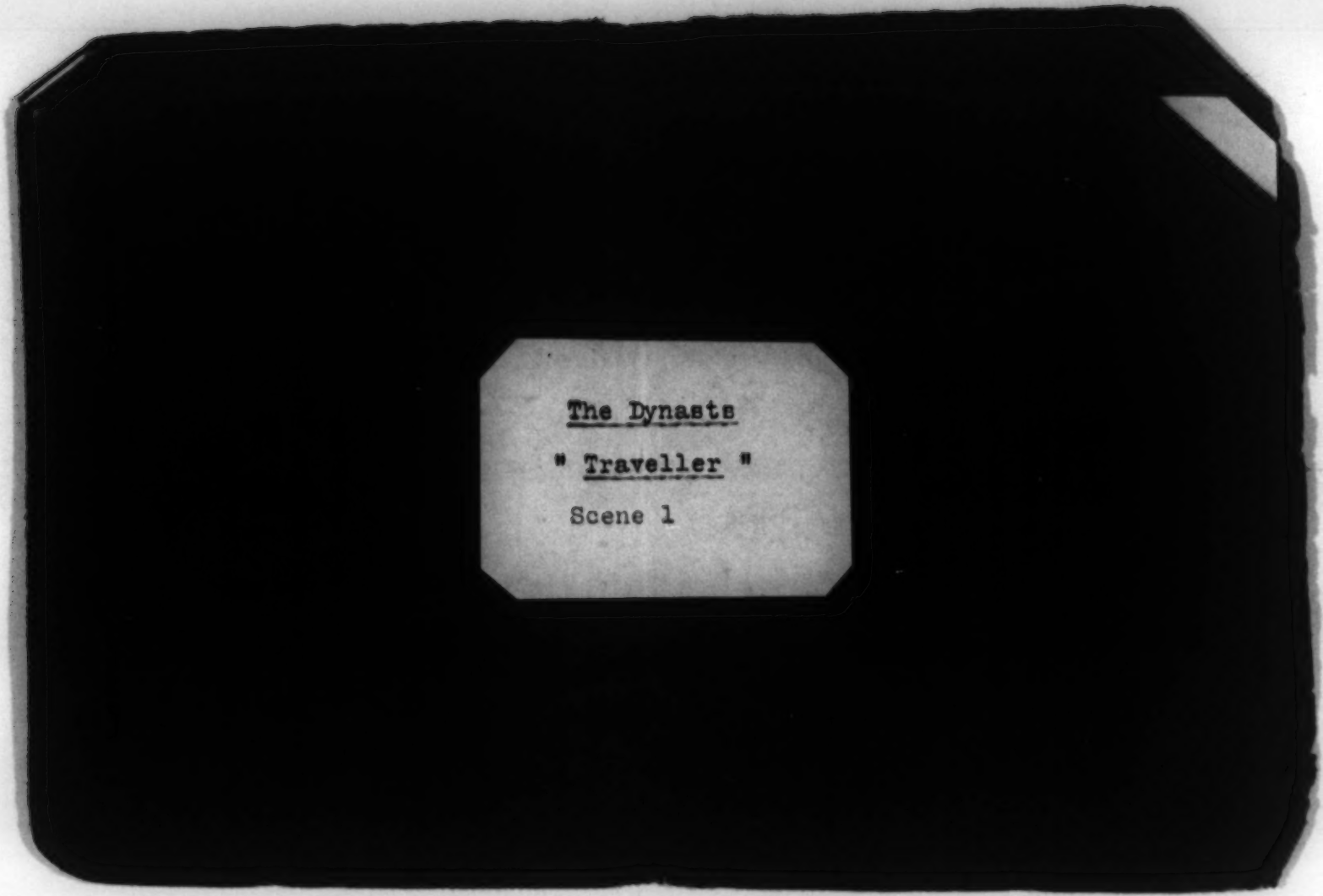
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" Traveller "
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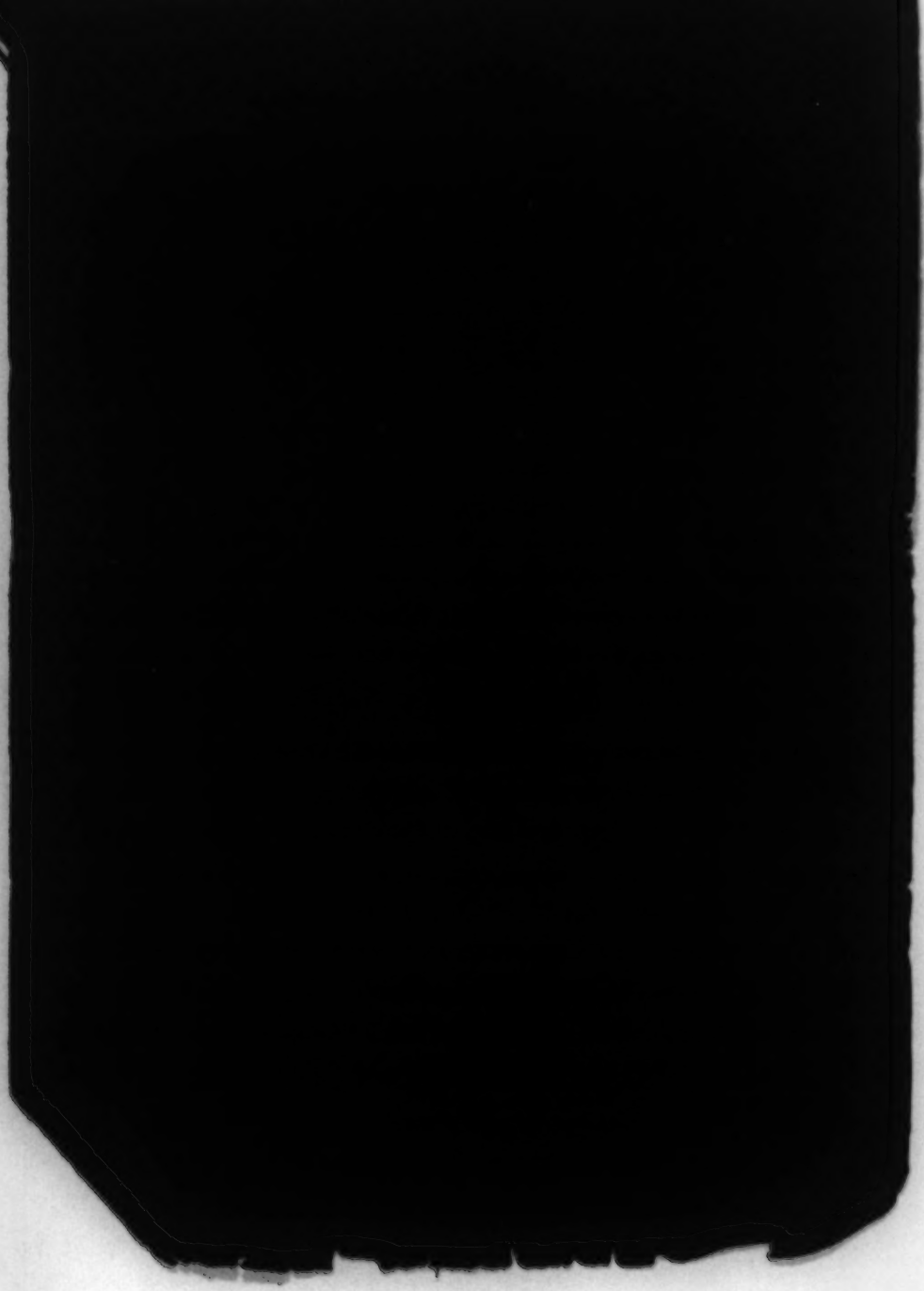

S C E N E. I.

Londoner - much dreaded
----------gentleman coming.

Enter carrying valise.

There seems to be a deal going on in the Town today?

Schoolmaster----part rarely.

Ah yes. And just across the Channel there's the Corsican.

Border Boatmen---do inland.

That's why I've seen so many regiments on the highway I suppose.

Pouncy----------poor tool.

I much doubt Bonaparte's intention to come at all.

Londoner----------King last month.

Yes, Sir. A letter in his own hand, in which he expected the King to reply to him in the same manner.

Cruel ----letter friendly?
Certainly, Sir. He requested peace with the King. And there was no reason why the King shouldn't have replied in the same manner.

Reborn ----calls his brother!
He must be taken for what he ~~is~~, not for what he was; and if he calls King George his brother it doesn't speak badly for his friendliness.

Reborn ----Continental Powers.
Both the manner and the matter of the reply are British, but a huge mistake.

Reborn ----traitor to your country?
Damn my wig, sir, if I'll be called a traitor to my country by you or any court sycophant at all, at all.
(Unpacks a case of pistols from his valise and hands one to Londoner)

(to Londoner) Miscreyer ----may be daily expected!
Sir, I apoligize. He's not to be trusted. War is ~~his~~ name and aggression is with him! (Traveller and Londoner shake hands and the pistols are replaced in the valise.)

---------- Creech sound do you raise.
I'm very sorry,but hope you'll excuse me, for I've not too much breath to carry me through my day's labours, so I can't afford to waste it on crying Hurrah to Royalties. If you were ten yards off you'd think I was shouting as loud as any.

---------- Creech you are spoken to
(laughing) No,Sir; 'tis not practised for ingenuity alone; 'tis for economy, A very necessary instinct in these days of ghastly taxation to pay half the armies in Europe. Somebody must save something, or the country will be as bankrupt as Mr Pitt himself is by all accounts-

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The Dynasts

2nd, SAILOR

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Voices heard without
Enter 1st & 2nd sailors

Bowler (Collett) ~~Nicholas Lane, surely~~ ! (Bob)
French rights of the story

You'd have known all about it long afore this, if the weather had'nt kept back shipping news,

Roger action take place?

Off Cape Trafalgar,

Pitham how t'was done,

When the Ad'm'l went up to the quarter-deck Capt'n Hardy said a word or two to me, but I could'n't catch exactly what it was, owing to the noise, though it meant he thought we'd done it well.

Pitham did'n't ye Bob?

I did. I helped to carry him down to the cock-pit, and there 'a died two hours later, But by that time I was elsewhere, Several of us had boarded the French ship, and we were there when she struck her flag, (drinks)

Pitham knocked to pieces,

'Gad you'd say so neighbours, if you could see her, Her sides be

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battered like an old penny piece; the shot be still sticking to her wales, and her sails be like so many clap-nets,

----------there they'll bide,

The Cap'n had a narrow escape like many of the rest - a shot shaved his ankle like a razor. You should have seen that man's face in the heat of battle - his features were as if they'd been cast in steel,

----------How ?

Well, the plain calendar of it is, though Jim is too modest to tell it, that when he came to be unhooped it was found that some of the crew had drunk him dry!

----------What! never

Well, 'twas some of the sickly ones that wanted stimulants, that did it, I had a drop 'tis true, and found it very pretty tipple, but I did'nt know where it had come from.

----------in these days.

Yes,'twas quite defendable, If he could have known it no doubt he would have laughed through the spigot hole; " Draw on my hearties Better I shrivel than you famish " Ha! Ha!!

Scene 1V.

Enter after Long

------at the camp today ?

Nothing at all that I've heard of, Imn a child about military news, though I might stand a question or two about water,